

SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION FOR TOWN OF TURTLE RESIDENTS

The Town of Turtle is dedicated to doing the best job of snow removal possible within the restraints of reasonable cost. By its nature, there will always be someone who is plowed first and someone who is plowed last. We operate on routes designed to best utilize our equipment and to give the fastest economic service possible.

Conditions such as when the snow starts, stops, how wet or deep, and how windy, affects the timing, method and success of snow removal. There are many times when it is impossible to make progress, and we may have to delay starting or pull of the road.

Some conditions warrant the plowing just to keep the roads open. Snow crews are on call 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Your understanding and cooperation is very important to our efforts. Plowing procedure is under the direction of the Highway Department Superintendent.

There are a number of government agencies responsible for roads in the Town of Turtle besides the Town itself. The Rock County Highway Department is responsible for all County roads within the Town. The State Highway Department is responsible for any State roads within the Town. Knowing who to contact for road problems could expedite any action needed.

Please remember the Town of Turtle is still a rural community which may dictate harsher snow conditions for both the residents and snow removal crew.

Policies in Snow Removal:

- I) Mailboxes: As we all know, winter is hard on mailboxes, and by nature they are in conflict with clearing snow from the roads. It is the Policy of the Town of Turtle, that if a mailbox is damaged by wet and/or heavy snow, it is the owner's responsibility for maintenance. If a mailbox is directly damaged by the plow or other snow removal equipment, it will be the Town of Turtle's responsibility to reimburse the property owner up to \$35.00 as soon as possible.
- 2) Deposits: Deposits of snow on highways, under section 14.05 of the Town of Turtle Code of Ordinances, no person shall deposit snow on any street or highway in the Town of Turtle where the snow has been removed from a private property.
- 3) Driveways: Snow should be piled to the right of your driveway, away from approaching traffic.
- 4) Vehicles: It is the Town of Turtle's policy not to pull vehicles out that are stuck in the snow. The Town is not covered for the liabilities associated with such situations.

Complimentary sand/salt is available for unusual conditions by request and may be used at the convenience and direction of the Highway Superintendent.

Please direct any questions or concerns to the Highway Superintendent, Mike Birkholz, Highway Shop 365-5255, by Cell 289-4571, or e-mail turtlehwymb@charter.net